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■ **SUCCESS:** Many attend event

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WAINFLEET — The second Wainfleet Fleeter Fest last weekend celebrated the success of the first.

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■ **MOBILE LAB:** Research being carried out in Port

Giving communities a voice



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Research assistants, clockwise from left, Sabrina, Elizabeth and Matt, look over some Centre for Addiction and Mental Health material inside a new mobile lab. The lab will be in the city for three months as various studies are carried out in the community.

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

POR T COLBORNE — A brand new mobile laboratory is calling the city home for the next three months as researchers from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health conduct studies here.

The lab, sitting beside Food Basics on Charlotte St., is dedicated to research on mental health, substance use and violence problems, said Judy Brennan, local research co-ordinator.

After it leaves Port Colborne, the lab will spend time in other parts of the province to 10 other communities; communities outside of major university centres.

"We're conducting research in areas that don't normally have a voice," Brennan said.

The project — Researching Health in Ontario Communities — being conducted by centre for addiction and mental health scientists will see studies relating to community well-being, such as stress, health service experiences, and communication and conflict in young adult couples, carried out.

Brennan said researchers will look at stress and mental health in the community and local residents will be asked to take part in the study. Four research assistants, all from Niagara and studying at university level, have been brought on board to help with the study.

"They'll be going to 200 households in the city picked through census data and asking one adult in the home to take part."

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■ MOBILE PLAN

Research to better health care services plan

FROM PAGE 1

She stressed the homes chosen were selected at random and the four assistants, who wear centre for addiction and mental health identification, were already making their rounds of the city.

Those willing to take part in the study will be asked to fill out a questionnaire inside the mobile lab, which has areas set aside to ensure the interview is completely private. The questionnaires can be done on computers inside the lab, or on paper if a person prefers, and will be anonymous.

"We'll ask people if they want to give us a hair sample, saliva sample, or both," she

said.

Hair samples, Brennan said, can be used to measure stress cortisol levels in a person, while saliva can be used to look for genetic markers that show a predisposition to mental health issues or substance use.

Those are the only samples being asked for and a person does not have to give them if they don't want to do so.

There is a questionnaire for addiction and mental health and Dr. Samantha Wells, a centre scientist based in London, Ont., adults in the study don't need to have any personal experience with stress, mental health problems or substance use.

All information provided to researchers, who want to get a handle on how stressed people are due to the downturn in the economy as part of the study, will be kept confidential.

The whole process should take anywhere between 30 to 45 minutes and some people have already gone through the questionnaires. "The response has been great so far," said Brennan.

Two other studies are also being carried out in the lab and people are needed for them as well. Brennan said there are posters up all over town asking people to take part in either the health service experience study or the

communication and conflict in young adult couples study.

The communication and conflict study is looking for couples between 19 and 29 who have been in an intimate relationships for three months within the last year. It will look at how people deal with conflict.

Brennan said the health services study needs people who have had experiences with mental health or substance use problems.

"One of the researchers wants to know what kind of experiences (good or bad) they've had in the system. They want to learn from the community... All of the studies, Brennan said, will be used

to provide feedback to local agencies and could show what is needed in the area in terms of services. "This is a great opportunity for us and for Port Colborne," said Wells. "The lab enables us to do research... and we expect the results to be useful..."

Brennan said the project has received a lot of support from the city, mayor and local agencies, like Bridges Community Health Centre and City Council. Representatives from the two groups, along with Niagara Health System, Women's Place and Hope Centre are on the project advisory committee.

Major Vance Badaway said the mobile lab is a perfect fit for the community.

"We are encouraged by the incredible opportunity this research will provide to furthering our health care service plan for Port Colborne," he said.

"Enhancing all of our disease prevention strategies with our partnering agencies including mental health programs is a goal that will be reached with this research."

People who take part in the studies, contact Judy Brennan at 289-696-0300 or e-mail her at Judith_Brennan@camh.net.

For more information on the project, or to find out how to take part in the studies, contact Judy Brennan at 289-696-0300 or e-mail her at Judith_Brennan@camh.net.

■ CELEBRATION

'Little guy' comes out on top in Fleeter Fest

FROM PAGE 1

Betty Kone, past-president of the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association, said the first festival last year was organized as a sort of a pre-election event to encourage opposition to the "big pipe" proposal.

The pipe was a plan by Niagara Region supported by township council to run a \$100-million sewer line along Wainfleet's Lakeshore Rd.

The October municipal election changed most of the membership of township council. Kone became a new alderman.

Then the new council cancelled the big pipe approach to dealing with sewer and

water problems for homes and cottages along the lake.

The second festival was intended "to raise a glass to the end of big pipe plan" and celebrate the joy of living in Wainfleet.

A hot sunny summer day Saturday contrasted the rain of the previous year. It resulted in more people moving through the venue than the previous year. Although organizers would have liked to see more attend.

Threebands—Summerfield, Holly Nation and White Frost—played during the 2 p.m. to midnight party at the Long Beach Country Club. There was food, casino games and a

mystery prizes draw.

Konc, who as a member of township council is no longer on the organizing committee, said the Fleeter Fest could become an annual event celebrating the early summer in a way that the Marshville Festival ends the season on Labour Day.

On the sewage and water quality issue along Wainfleet's Lakeshore, Konc said she is a little concerned, adding people may think "it will go back to the way it was."

That's not going to happen, she warned.

"Something has to be done to fix the problems along the lakeshore," she said.

Township council, she said, is now setting up an interim control bylaw and reviewing zoning bylaws leading up to an extensive inspection of sewage systems to ensure safety along the lakeshore and eventually all parts of the township.

Konc said some of it will be education to remind people how to take care of septic systems, such as regular inspections, to avoid problems.

The township, she said, is experiencing a residential shift along Lake Erie with permanent residents replacing seasonal.

"It maybe approaching a 50-50 split," she said.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Lee Bott rolls the tickets for a magic draw during the second annual Fleeter Fest presented by the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association at the Long Beach Country Club Saturday. It featured entrainment, prizes and casino games.

In the meantime, the second Fleeter Fest became a celebration of "the little guy winning one," she said.

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■ EDUCATION: 270 graduate from Lakeshore



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Lakeshore Catholic High School valedictorian Rudder Zhang stands with principal Dan Dilorenzo on stage at the Fort Erie Leisureplex where graduation exercises were held. Zhang was among 270 graduates to receive diplomas.

■ MCKAY PUBLIC SCHOOL: Group garners awards at Heritage Fair



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo

McKay Public School students participated in this year's DBSN Heritage Fair, a competition in which students create and display projects relating to Canada's history. Pictured are award winners Flora Sibley, Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Founder's Award; Savannah Prokop, Esther Summers Award of Excellence; Olivia Carlson, Archives of Ontario Award, and Emma Beaudin, honorable mention, and their staff advisor Susan Clarke.

■ CANAL FEST CAR SHOW: Passero takes first prize



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Eligeo Passero from Port Colborne won honours for best in class for a foreign production vehicle at the Canal Fest Car Show on July 3 for his 1979 Fiat X19. He bought the car four years ago and fully restored it. This is the first award he has won, though he has been entering shows for two years.

■ ST. JOHN BOSCO: Maple Leaf Service Pins bestowed on five more women



Supplied photo

The St. John Bosco Catholic Women's League presented five members with the Maple Leaf Service Pin at a recent pin presentation ceremony. From left are Joan Falconi, Helen Clarke, Toni Ferrara and Gussie Celi. Absent from photo taken was Leeta Gagnon. The pin was introduced in 1971 for members who have served the CWL for the length of seven to 10 years and have performed outstanding league service.

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Unacceptable solution

Three years ago Joshua Mack died when his car went into the Welland Canal at the Jackknife Bridge, Bridge 19A.

Since that time, his family has been lobbying the city, Niagara Region, federal and provincial politicians and St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp., to make changes to the intersection to prevent another tragedy.

One change made was the installation of large no-turn signals that come on when the bridge is up, but Mack's family had always wanted more than that.

Monday night, the Seaway, on behalf of Transport Canada, a made presentation calling for the installation of a traffic arm.

The recommendation didn't sit well with the city or Mack's family.

A traffic arm is simply not enough, said Dave Rapcewicz, Mack's stepfather. Rapcewicz said he appreciates that something is finally being done but he hopes to see a proper resolution put in place.

The recommendation called for a traffic arm in the southbound right turning lane on Welland St. that would deter vehicles from turning when the bridge is up. The arm would act as a warning device with flashing lights, not as a safety barrier said the Seaway.

City manager Bob Bell questioned the positioning of the arm.

He said it does nothing to block northbound traffic from turning onto Mellenary while the bridge is up. Southbound drivers could even bypass the traffic arm, he said, and turn from the centre lane.

Access must be prevented from both directions, Rapcewicz said.

Ward 1. Coun. Dave Elliott and Mayor Vance Badaway suggested Transport Canada and the Seaway look at having the existing arms moved from the edge of the road and canal, back closer to Welland St., flush with the road.

With that suggestion, the best one.

If the gates were back further, it could prevent someone from driving into the canal.

We're not sure whether that is feasible, though it does make sense to have more hefty gates in place.

Even if the gates weren't strong enough to stop a car, the setback from the canal's edge could give a driver that extra distance to make a safe stop. Even running into the gates might make them realize how close they are to the canal.

We hope Transport Canada and the Seaway give the idea of moving the gates back a second look, especially if that's all it takes to avoid another tragedy.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

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It was an accidental discovery which really could not have happened without the Internet. My supply of disposable razors was about to run out. Of course, I could've simply scooted to the local drugstore and grabbed a pack. But, nooooo, that would've been way too simple.

Taking a quick and easy of an expert search, I typed in [consumerreports.org](http://www.consumerreports.org) and proceeded to read the reviews of those who had already purchased several different models of razors, especially those reviews that included references to pertinent features.

One satisfied customer's reference to the 'ace-packed strip above the blade really caught my eye. According to him, this feature rendered the use of shave gel unnecessary. The calculator in my brain quickly computed the savings in dollars and cents over a lifetime. Another part of my brain pointed out the number of minutes that I could, er, shave off my regular routine by eliminating the time-consuming process of applying the gel, rubbing it in, creating lather and then washing my hands before a follicle was ever felled by the sharp edge of the blade.

The considerable savings of time

and money was quite appealing...but there remained the nagging question of how a veteran shaver who had relied quite heavily on some form of foamy material to ease the pain of hair removal for nearly 40 years could, er, pull this off.

There was only one way to find out. Buy it and try it. Should the trial be successful, we've just added mucho dinero to our savings account and a month to our lifespan. Should it be a dismal failure, we still have a month's hair guarantee. At best, we've added to the nest egg. At worst, we've lost no eggs.

Much to my surprise, the shave was just as smooth sans shave gel as with it for the first five days of use. When going got a bit rougher, all I had to do was apply some gel, spend a few extra minutes and expend extra eggs of energy for another two days or more until the razor lived up to its "ace-packed" tag. A small price to pay for big gains.

Several months later, I'm glad I gave it a try. And I don't miss what I thought I would miss terribly.

Isn't this true of other things in life as well?

A young man who is not sure he can give up the independence of singlehood for the interdependence of marriage says "I do" anyway...and discovers that he can do just fine.

readers' views

Get used to it?

Is *C. difficile*, the antibiotic resistant infectious disease that has occurred in all the hospitals across Niagara in significant numbers and resulted in the death of a dozen or so, a common occurrence that we will all have to get used to?

I don't believe so. This week I visited West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby, which is about a 15-minute drive from St. Catharines. Grimsby has a population of about 19,000 and a lovely, older 60-bed community hospital, with many services, even obstetrics and a 24/7 emergency department. Somehow it avoided amalgamation with Niagara Health System and operates its facility with a community hospital board.

WLH has a very stringent policy

on infectious diseases and to date has never had an outbreak. If a patient comes to WLH from another hospital or long-term care home or is exhibiting suspicious symptoms, that person is immediately isolated to stop the transmission of a disease to the hospital.

According to a British Medical Association report, high levels of bed occupancy are not consistent with effective infection control policies.

I believe there is a direct correlation between the implementation of the hospital improvement plan by the NHS and the spread of infectious diseases across Niagara.

Closing of emergency departments and operating rooms in Port Colborne and Fort Erie and cutting over 100 hospital beds and frontline staff across Niagara have led to congestion,

A married woman who is wary of gaining pounds and losing sleep deserves to get pregnant anyway and discovers that the joys of child-rearing outweigh the burdens of child-bearing.

Would-be followers of Jesus often hesitate to make the choice for fear of missing out on all the fun, only to discover that the adventure of the Christian life makes past pleasures a distant memory.

Tithing (returning to God 10% of one's income) is often a prospect for many, until they start discovering that they can actually live better on 90% than they did with 100%.

Fasting for 21 days in a row was something that many in our churches were apprehensive about in 2010, yet some of those same fasters discovered this Lent that they could go 40 days without meat, sweets, caffeine or alcohol. Lastly someone in my house learned that you don't have to eat all meals one day a week and not miss it.

Taking time away from a very busy schedule to sit still and do nothing but stay in God's presence and listen to Him was something that I was not sure I could handle, yet it is now firmly ensconced into my routine as a daily non-negotiable.

Yes, you can do without what you thought you couldn't do without. Give it a try.

cramped quarters, exhausted staff, lack of beds, long ER wait times and patients moving from site to site to get access to care.

To a layman this would appear to be a perfect breeding grounds for the spread of infectious diseases.

The people of Niagara deserve the assurance they have a safe environment within their hospital system, which I don't believe is the case today.

The minister of health must take a closer look at the NHS and the HIP and not just the cursory tour by the infection-control team that suggested being more strategic with cleaning and prohibiting flowers to patients. This is an insult to taxpayers of Niagara to be sloughed off in this manner.

Pat Scholfield
Welland

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COLUMN

Port Colborne opens its arms to children from the Big Apple

LINDSAY COSTELLO
Special to InPort News

Port Colborne is a far cry from the Big Apple but this summer, it will be home to inner-city children as they take a break from the concrete jungle and visit local host families.

The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program sees New York natives aged 6 to 18 spending time in rural and suburban communities through Ontario and in 13 U.S. states.

The South Niagara chapter of the fund brings visitors to St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Thorold, Port Robinson, Port Colborne, Crystal Beach, Wainfleet, and Stevensville as well as Smithville and Dunnville.

Port Colborne-Wainfleet chairperson Nancy Sayed said 16 children would be visiting the lakeside city this summer. She said the program has seen a slight increase in participation in Port

Colborne but that the turnout varies from year to year. She hopes to get as many people involved in with the cause as possible.

"The more families the better," she said.

While some children are visiting for the first time, others have been invited to return and stay with the same family year after year.

I think it is a wonderful opportunity for both the family and the inner-city child," said Laura-Ann Morris, Fund representative for South Niagara, who travelled with the 31 children who were welcomed to the region at the city's Lion's Club Community Centre last Wednesday.

Families often bring their Fresh Air child on day excursions such as an annual picnic held in Dunnville but they also take time to enjoy the simple pleasures such as riding a bicycle for the first time or learning to swim.

Trips usually last two weeks and are offered periodically throughout July and August in order to

accommodate family schedules.

There is still time to sign up as a host for a nine-day visit beginning

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■ COSTELLO

Wrecks and Relics to carry on at museum until December

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MUSEUM MARVELS

Whether you are interested in agriculture of aquatics, Port Colborne's Historical and Marine Museum has something for everyone this summer.

Four different exhibits will be on display this year between May and December.

Different Strokes For Different Folks is a collection of folk art from the past and present that shares unique works of art found in the community such as carvings, toys and quilts. Celebrating our Agricultural Past is a tribute to farming with a collection of agricultural artifacts that features

equipment and tools used while farming and settling. Flour Power highlights

memorabilia from the Port Colborne Maple Leaf Mill that began producing flour in 1911. Mills and Marauders, which is a historical exhibit, is an exhibit focusing on the Seven Years' Settlement and the Zavitz Mill as the War of 1812 approached.

Sherry Spark, a volunteer of 11 years and staff member, said there is a lot of history that the museum is interpreting and that exhibits are changed periodically in order to accommodate new ones and keep things fresh.

She said the museum is a fascinating place that is visited by several hundred patrons

each month.

"The locals love it," she said, adding that she has encountered visitors from all over the world who have come to the city for various reasons and decided to take a look.

Sherry said that despite the wide range of visitors, she often sees the same people return throughout the season.

New this July is an exhibit called Wrecks and Relics, which will showcase artifacts from shipwrecks.

A featured shipwreck will be the Raleigh, a boat that was lost to a storm in 1911 five miles from Port Colborne. The boat has been dragged three kilometers from the shore for the past 100 years and its anchor is a permanent fixture on the museum's grounds. Wrecks and Relics will conclude in December.

The museum is open to the public between noon and 5 p.m. daily and admission is free.

If you know of a community event you would like to see featured, please e-mail your ideas to lindsaycostello@hotmail.com



LINDSAY COSTELLO

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ABOVE: About 30 New York youth were dropped off in Port Colborne last week to participate in the Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program in which they will vacation with a host family in the Niagara region for two weeks. Sixteen of them will stay in Port Colborne.

RIGHT: The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum is featuring five exhibits throughout 2011. Pictured is Celebrating our Agricultural Past, which focuses on farming practices.





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■ BUSINESS: New studio and boutique open up shop



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway cuts the ribbon to officially open two related businesses operated by Valerie Rollin, Unveil Photography Studio and Chelsea's Korner Boutique, at 155 Main St. West in Port Colborne. From left are Port Colborne Regional Coun. David Barrick, Valerie Rollin, her husband Andre Rollin holding daughter Chelsea Rollin, Badaway, and Valerie's mother Denise Ayotte. The photography studio specializes in baby, children and family photography. Chelsea's Korner Boutique, named after her daughter, sells baby and kids items, picture frames, home and garden dcor, windchimes and more. Web pages are www.unveilphotographystudio.com and www.cheleaskornerboutique.com.

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AT THE PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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■ PORT COLBORNE CAMERA CLUB

Shutterbugs unite on common passion

EDDIE CHAU
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — When it comes to cameras, the f-stop here.

In a meeting room at the Port Colborne Senior Centre every other Wednesday, a group of shutterbugs unite to discuss their passion. Whether it's about the latest in lenses or giving pointers on how to capture that perfect shot, members of the Port Colborne Camera Club take their dedication to the craft of photography very seriously.

It's a passion that's reflected in their works and through the discussions held at each meeting. At one recent meeting the club organized a group photography outing to the Port Colborne Lions Carnival, which takes place this week.

Looking for a location with the most action, the members decided a carnival would produce great pictures from carnival rides in the midway or strong, bright colours from the tents and surroundings.

"There will be lots going



EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo

There's a group of like-minded shutterbugs at the Port Colborne Camera Club that meets twice a month to discuss all things photography.

on. We can get the action from the rides. There's lots of excitement," club member Theresa Watchorn said.

All the members agreed and they will be there to help each other out by capturing pictures of the same sub-

ject. There's a strong bond between the digital sharpshooters that can be felt on an outing.

The camera club was formed by photographer Bill Mason more than three years ago as a way for like-minded photographers to meet to share their thoughts and expertise on the subject. Mason said he formed the club as a non-competitive environment where photographers of different experience levels can share their creativity.

Mason said the members get a lot out of the biweekly meetings, whether it's from guest speakers or group discussions.

"Everyone is here to learn and not just show off their pictures," Mason said. "I try to do what everybody wants. We're comfortable with each other and open to discussing things."

Alex Harris has been messing around with a camera since he was child but his interest in photography wasn't fully explored until 2003. Harris said being behind the lens allows him to have a creative outlet.

"I love taking a lot of traditional. If it's a car in the middle of the field or it's part of the building, I'm aware of how to look at a subject differently," the club member said. "I'm still learning and I like having conversations with people that I can learn from."

Watchorn said she has always loved taking pictures.

4 I just keep snapping away, it's like capturing little snapshots of history."

Theresa Watchorn

The passion started with a plan to take a perfect picture of a sunset.

"I just keep snapping away, it's like capturing little snapshots of history," she said. "I may be lying on the ground with my camera to get a different perspective of a flower for instance. I love nature."

Watchorn said she's wants to learn more about photography and that can do so through the camera club.

Members Jack Ambridge can often be found on the football field at Port Colborne High School shooting the Blue Bears on the gridiron.

"I'm retired and I never got a camera until I retired," Ambridge said.

"I want to help the kids out so I take team pictures and make a CD of the pictures as a keepsake. I like that I can ask questions and get answers here."

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in photography. Membership is \$2 a month.

For more information visit www.portbornewcameraclub.com.



OPEN HOUSE East Waterfront Community Improvement Plan

The City of Port Colborne is soliciting your feedback on the proposed vision for the East Waterfront. This vision will be the basis of a Community Improvement Plan for lands located on the east side of the Welland Canal.

The Open House will be held on:

Date: Tuesday July 19, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Address: Council Chambers, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, City of Port Colborne

This Open House is not a legislated Public Meeting under the Planning Act.

The purpose of this open house is to present and receive feedback on, the draft vision for Port Colborne's East Waterfront and the directions for the Community Improvement Plan.

Additional information on the East Waterfront Community Improvement Plan will be available at the open house and on the City's website at www.portcolborne.ca.

We invite you to participate in this event and welcome your input. For more information, please contact:

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■ OUTBREAKS: Community was not informed about outbreak until it was over

Hospitals not required to report MRSA

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORTE COBRENE — The community was not informed about the MRSA outbreak at Port Colborne's hospital until it was over.

But that's standard practice for dealing with out-

breaks of some communicable diseases like Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, said Niagara Health System spokeswoman Christine Clark in an e-mail to The Tribune.

Niagara Health System interim chief executive officer Sue Matthews

announced the end of the outbreak in Port Colborne during a media briefing last Wednesday held to discuss ongoing outbreaks of C. difficile.

The MRSA outbreak, which infected six patients, was declared on June 1 and was resolved on July 5.

Clark, in her e-mail, said hospitals are not required to report MRSA or Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE) outbreaks to public health, "and it is not the typical practice for hospitals to announce them directly to the public."

Instead, patients, visitors

and hospital staff are made aware of any outbreaks at a hospital when they arrive at hospital sites.

She said the same infection control measures are implemented for any outbreak, including the isolation of patients, signs posted on doors and public areas warn-

ing about the outbreak, staff education, and precautions for visitors such as the need to wear gloves and gowns.

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Dated at Haldimand County and Niagara Region this the 6th of July, 2011

Niagara Region Wind Corporation is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The distribution of this notice of a proposal to engage in this renewable energy project and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (ACT) Part V.O.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is considered to be a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 230 MW. The

project location is described in the map below.

This project is being proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. The Draft Project Description Report titled Niagara Region Wind Project – Draft Project Description Report describes the facility as a wind farm that will be used to convert wind to electricity. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report will be made available for public inspection at www.nrwc.ca.

Project Contacts and Information

To learn more about the project proposal or to communicate concerns please contact:

Project Email Address: info@nrwc.ca

Project Website: www.nrwc.ca

Project Phone Number: 905-390-3306
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J.A. (Al) Leggett, BA, MCIP, RPP

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Niagara Region Wind Corporation invites you to a community meeting where we will introduce the project and our project team.

July 26, 2011

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■ THEATRE: Showboat venue 'exciting' to co-star of comedic thriller

Curtain rises on I'll Be Back Before Midnight

LINDSAY COSTELLO

For InPort News

PORL COLBORNE — Ghost stories and tales of murder kept audience members on the edge of their seats as The Showboat Festival Theatre debuted its comedic thriller *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* last week.

Theatregoers uncovered the truth behind a couple's mysterious get-away as they planned to run off with their husband, George, who decided to run an old farmhouse as a means of escape from the city. Having recently been hospitalized after having a nervous breakdown, Jan hopes for a quiet life in the country and looks forward to spending time alone with her husband but gets more than she bargained for when uninvited guests intrude.

Quirky farmer George enters the picture and shares his ghost stories from years past with Jan, who because of her condition, is forced to face the struggles to separate fantasy and reality.

Greg's manipulative sister, Laura, arrives soon after and stirs up trouble as she plots against her sister-in-law, adding to Jan's paranoia.

Although spooky and surprising, the play also offers a comedic element and drew many laughs from its debut audience.

■ PASSPORT: Promotion running once again

Explore the South Coast

InPort News Staff

PORL COLBORNE — Looking for staycation ideas this summer?

Then look no further than Niagara's South Coast.

"Why not go exploring in your own backyard, be a tourist in your own city and explore... in a fun and adventurous way," said the city's economic development, tourism and marketing department, in a release.

The second Niagara South Coast Adventure Passport — last year's was successful in helping promote the Port Colborne and Wainfleet area's numerous cultural, heritage, and popular tourism attractions — is a joint marketing effort by the City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce.

"Our adventure passport promotion is an innovative way to create awareness of the many tourism and cultural experiences Niagara's South Coast communities have to offer travellers and residents and adds to our ongoing efforts to increase the number of visitors coming... and encourages them

to stay longer, and return again in the future," said Stephen Thompson, general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing for the city.

The passport features 10 destinations, identifying the name, address and GPS co-ordinates of each.

Stops include popular attractions, tourism destinations and commercial locations. At each stop, passport holders record a trivia answer on their passport or have their passport punched. After acquiring a minimum of seven validated stops, adventure passport holders are eligible to submit their passport for entry into the Niagara's South Coast Adventure Passport Giveaway, which will be held following the close of the 2011 passport program on Nov. 30.

Copies of Niagara's South Coast Adventure Passport are available at the Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre at 76 Main St., city hall, local attractions, businesses, bed and breakfasts and tourism information centres across Niagara.

Full details and prizes are available can be found at www.portcolborne.ca.

"I think it went really well," said Mairi Babu, who portrays fragile Jan, of the cast's first show in front of a full audience.

Made up of Toronto-based talent, the cast of four had a lot on their plates as they weaved through the detailed plot but we're able to stay true to character.

"It's exciting to be surrounded by the audience," said Aikat DeSalzis, who plays Greg, of the theatre's in-the-round setting that has viewers seated on all four sides of the stage.

Nicholas Rice, who plays the role of farmer George, said multi-tasking was important in order to tackle the challenge of acting from all angles but feels the cast will learn and adapt to the unique theatre experience with time.

With three weeks of performances ahead of them, the cast is looking forward to sharing the story.

"It's going to be lots of fun," said Kristen Galer, who plays the villainous Laura.

The story, which is written by Canadian playwright Peter Colley is halted as the most produced play in Canada and has been performed on stages around the world.

I'll Be Back Before Midnight remains open through July 23. For ticket information, contact the Roselawn box office by calling 905-834-0833 or visit www.showboathalton.ca.

■ **PORT CARES:** One food bank to serve Port Colborne

Reach Out Food Centre debuts in Port

Import News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The shelves are stocked inside a white trailer beside the Port Cares Reach Out Centre Tuesday.

Inside, Reach Out Centre supervisor Sarah Eller is making sure the shelves are filled with non-perishable food items such as cereal, pasta, cereal and canned goods.

"This is only temporary," Eller says. "There will be more room inside once we move in three weeks."

The trailer is the temporary home to Port Cares' Reach Out Food Centre, a newly created food bank to serve the residents of Port Colborne and Wainfleet. It continues on the services once offered by the Inter-Church Food Bank of Port Colborne at the Roselawn Centre on Helden Ave.

Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhardt says the Reach Out Food Centre will give residents one central location to get food.

"We will be distributing food basics along with bread, meat, eggs and milk for children," Reinhardt says.

There will be some familiar faces to food

bank users as many of the volunteers from the Interchurch Food Bank have joined Port Cares.

The facility will operate Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. While the shelves may be stocked now, it may not always be the case, Reinhardt says, noting about 150 people visit the Reach Out Centre each week.

Reinhardt says the organization still appeals to the community for donation of fresh produce, to programs such as Produce Plenty, Give to Many, which encourages residents to donate any excess produce from their gardens to Port Cares.

"Canned goods are only part of the component," Reinhardt says of donations. "We also accept financial donations to purchase produce such as milk, eggs and meat."

At the moment there will be a tent set up outside the Reach Out Centre for the food centre on Tuesdays and Fridays. Reinhardt says it will all work out once it moves in to the facility in a few weeks.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Rachelle Anderson at 905-834-3629 ext. 262.

There will be some familiar faces to food



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Under the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended, being section 295, the municipality is required to make available at no cost to any taxpayer or resident, a copy of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

This financial information is posted on the website of the City of Port Colborne at www.portcolborne.ca, under "City Hall, Financial Reporting".

Hard copies of this financial information can be obtained at City Hall or can be reviewed at the Port Colborne Public Library.

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■ SURFING: Great Lakes have attracted waves of surfers for many years



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Mike Sandusky, left, gets the surfboard ready for Alyssa Doherty on Wyldewood Beach in Port Colborne recently. Sandusky owners Surf Ontario and teaches lessons on three of the Great Lakes.

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InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Wind, waves and sun perfect conditions for learning how to surf.

Perfect conditions for Mike Sandusky of Surf Ontario to teach Holly Doucette, Laura Pomeroy and Alyssa Doherty how to pick a wave, get up on a board and ride the wave. He was teaching the three women on Wyldewood Beach, one of the many places he can be found enjoying the sport when the weather is right.

"Depending on the weather, I could be on Lake Huron, Lake Ontario or Lake Erie," he said from the beach at the end of Wyldewood Rd. recently.

Sandusky has been surfing for 11 years and besides hitting the Great Lakes, he's surfed Australia, New Zealand, California, Fiji, India as well as along the east coast of Canada.

"I spent some time in Hawaii, too," he said.

While the east coast of

Canada has grown in popularity and the other places he's surfed are some of the top spots in the world. Sandusky said people think he's crazy when he tells them he's surfing the Great Lakes.

But he's not the only one taking to the waves on the Great Lakes — around Port Colborne and Sherkston, Burlington, to name a few places in Canada and across the border on Lake Superior and around Cleveland in the United States — for years. The Wyldewood Surf Club was founded nearly 40 years ago with members from both Canada and the United States, who surf the waters around Buffalo, Niagara and Hamilton.

An advantage of the Great Lakes to Sandusky is the fact he can surf all year around and be close to his shop in Vaughan and close to home.

"Lake Ontario doesn't usually freeze over. I've surfed in the winter before. I just wear a thicker suit that has a hood and wear thick gloves and boots."

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Mike Sandusky, in back, holds the surfboard for Holly Doucette as she gets ready to ride a wave.

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■ SURFING

Short waves still pose a challenge

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The conditions in which he was teaching recently didn't require a thick suit. It was a warm day, with just the right amount of wind coming off

Lake Erie for him to teach. The waves weren't too big and the surf wasn't too choppy for the students.

Sandusky, who graduated with a degree in com-

merce from the University of Guelph, said there is a difference between the waves on the Great Lakes and those on the various oceans. The difference is not much more

than a couple of seconds, but those seconds do matter.

"The waves on the lakes are short, there's only five or six seconds between them, on the ocean it can be between eight and 12 seconds between waves."

The shorter period between waves on the lakes means less time for a surfer to get set for a wave.

"It makes it a challenge."

His students were up to that challenge as they took to the waves off of Wyldewood Beach.

It wasn't Doucette's first time surfing, but it was the Vineland woman's first attempt to master the waves on one of the Great Lakes.

"I've been surfing before, out of B.C. and one in B.C. I'm still a beginner."

She said learning to surf is a challenge but felt she was progressing.

Pomeroy, who is from Oakville, surfed once before in Hamilton. She and Doucette were both learning at the same time. As they were in the water, Sandusky would hold onto the ends of their boards and then hold onto their boards until just the right wave came along.

The women would then paddle with their hands as

the wave took them along, then they got up on the board and rode the wave for as long as they could. While both went down quickly in some waves, other times they rode almost to shore.

"It's so pure. You don't need anything but a board and nature's power," Pomeroy said of surfing.

Also feeling nature's power was Alyssa Doherty of Ridgeway. It was her second time taking lessons with Sandusky. She took up surfing to help her something else to do in the summer.

"A lot of people don't realize what the lake has to offer," she said, adding she was enjoying the lessons.

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Lisa Pomeroy rides a wave at Wyldewood Beach in Port Colborne recently.

Besides teaching people how to surf, Sandusky, who opened Surf Ontario in 2002, teaches standup paddleboarding. Standup paddleboards are long surfboards that a person stands on and uses a paddle to move the board.

While Sandusky has used longer surfboards to ride waves, he said shorter boards, those around six feet in length, are easier for surfers to catch the waves and easier to learn on.

For more information, see Sandusky's website at www.surfontario.ca.

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Mike Hopper owner of Candy Safari at 238 West Street with Dave Elliot City councillor and Jackie Frisk of Wainfleet.

Candy Safari offered a nights stay for a family of 4 with 2 days of water park passes at the Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls as part of their opening celebration in March. Jackie could not believe she won and said she never won any thing. There were over 300 entries. Mike says it is great to see so many local residents enjoying their shopping experience at Candy Safari.

■ WESTSIDE ARENA

User groups balance schedule for one rink

EDDIE CHAU
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — There will be plenty of ice to go around in Port Colborne this fall.

With the demolition of the Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena paving way for the city's new twin pad arena, one might wonder where users of the

facility will go to run their program when the hockey season starts up again in the fall.

With only one arena existing in Port Colborne in the form of Westside Arena, organizations such as the city's minor hockey association, the Port Colborne Pirates Junior B club and Club Frontenac Hockey

League for men's hockey will have to find ice time at the facility.

Luckily, it's all been worked out, said Gary Makins, Port Colborne's community services manager.

Makins said a meeting was held between municipal officials and user groups of the arenas to determine an ice time schedule that would

accommodate everyone evenly. Makins said youth was the main focus of the selection process and minor hockey was the top priority.

"It's a shuffling around of the schedule," Makins said. "The minor hockey association has rented out ice time in Wainfleet and Fort Erie when needed. They also have a few early practices."

"The arena will be used up to midnight some nights. It's an adjustment period certainly. It's short-term pain for long-term gain."

Makins noted a hierarchy is in place on priority use. At the top of the list is minor hockey followed by the Pirates junior hockey team, elementary and high school athletics, Club Frontenac

and outside ice rentals. Bill Steele, president of Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association, said minor hockey is the largest user group and it's the first time the group hasn't gotten lost in the shuffle in scheduling. If there is a conflict though, Steele said there are times booked in arenas in neighbouring municipalities.

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